

Mass Intentions

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th & 7th November 2021

St Kevin's Church, Glencree

Thomas O'Gorman (A)

Danny O'Gorman (A)

St Patrick's Church, Curtlestown

St. Mary's 6pm Saturday

Stephen Edwards (A)

St Mary's 11am Sunday

Wesley Acres (16th A)

Lylie Callan (Birthday Remembrance)

Both Masses viewable on webcam.

St Mochonog's Church and via Zoom at 10am

Rosalyn King (MM)

Murth, Rose & Jimmy Davies (A)

Margaret & Jack King (A)

#to join please phone 087 418 9338)

or email sally.phalan@gmail.com



Schedule of Masses:

Weekday Masses

St Mary's -Masses—10.15 a.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

Please be aware that attending weekday Masses is in lieu of attending Sunday Mass.
Prayer Services - 10.15 a.m. (Wednesday & Saturday)

Week-end Masses: **St. Mary's** 6.00 pm - Saturday, 11.00 am - Sunday

St. Mochonog's 10.00 am Sunday

St Patrick's, 10.00am Sunday

St Kevin's, 9.00am First Sunday of the Month.

Mass bookings are **not** necessary for weekend Masses

Notice re upcoming Baptisms

Beginning first week November on Monday night 7.30pm, this will be first Monday of each month, a baptism introduction will take place by Zoom for baptisms booked ongoing. This is for Parents and God Parents. Zoom link will be sent before meeting. Baptism booklet will be used to explain sacrament of baptism. Please inform office if you cannot attend.

Reopening of St.Patrick's church - Curtlestown

As you may already have read in the Parish Link, St. Patrick's Church, Curtlestown, will re-open for Mass starting this Sunday, 7th November at 10am. We are delighted to welcome back our parishioners on this special occasion!

Whilst choir or community singing is not yet possible, music will be provided by the O'Dohertys, and Evelyn & Margaret Deasy for this joyous event.

The pandemic and our concern for everyone's health and safety still restricts how we can celebrate this, and some of the safety measures are listed below. Help will be on hand at the door if there are any questions.

Please don't attend if you are displaying any COVID symptoms

Please sanitise your hands upon entering the church and, if you're over 12, please wear a face mask

Attendees are encouraged to maintain social distancing, for example by sitting in alternate pews as the space allows. Of course, family pods / bubbles can sit together as per Government Guidelines.

Adequate ventilation will be maintained by keeping the doors and window open, so please wrap up warmly!

There will be a one-way entry / exit system (entry via the main door and exit via the sacristy). This will be on a pew-by-pew basis upon receipt of communion at the end of Mass. The congregation will be informed of this at the Mass.

We thank everyone for following these guidelines so that we may continue to keep our community safe and look forward to seeing you.

St. Kevin's Church, Glencree will also re-open this coming Sunday for 9am Mass which will continue on the 1st Sunday of each month.

St Mary's & St Gerard's National School

School now open for Junior Infant Enrolments for the next school year (Children starting September 2022). Under the new Admissions policy introduced by the Department of Education.

You can download our Enrolment Forms directly from our website, enniskerryins.ie if you wish to complete them and deliver by hand at the front door of the school. You may complete the forms online and send them by email to info@enniskerryins.ie or of course, post them to the school at St Mary's & St Gerard's National School, Co. Wicklow, A98DP70.

All PREVIOUS applications MUST be resubmitted before the end of the month and if you have any queries, please phone Annette in the office at 01-2868851.

Update from your Parish Pastoral Council

Our Changing and Challenged Church

Over the centuries the church has always changed. Now the winds of change are again blowing. In 2020, the imminent serious shortage of priests instigated the PPC to study how our parish might adapt to this new reality. Then earlier this year Archbishop Dermot Farrell took the initiative to formally consult all parishes on this topic via a Task Force. In July your parish submitted its recommendations and initiatives already undertaken by the parish communities in a document entitled:

[“Parish Transformation - An Answer to Parish Viability Concerns” \(click to see link\)](#)

A letter of acknowledgement and thanks has been received.

In October 2021 Pope Francis formally launched a two-year global consultation process (Synodal Pathway) with a call to “look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say.” Archbishop Farrell then asked all parishes in the diocese to get involved and asked that each parish appoint two local Synodal Animators to act as facilitators in the local consultation process over the next six months to April 2022. (See www.dublindiocese.ie)

The PPC recently had a special meeting to consider how best to realise an authentic consultation process and would welcome expressions of interest particularly from our younger parishioners for the above-mentioned role. They will work through and be supported by the active participation of the PPC and our local communities.

In this way it is hoped that a process of authentic consultation can take place to hear the views of **all** sections of our Christian community, especially our younger generation who are the future of the church.

In the meantime several interesting discussions have been taking place in our parish hosted by Aideen Darcy, Pastoral Coordinator for Bray/Enniskerry and a member of our PPC, on the subject of a Lay Led Parish. The next one is on **Saturday 13 November in St. Mochonog’s Parish Hall, Kilmacanogue at 11:00 a.m.** All are invited and welcome.

The result of all these wide-ranging consultations will feed into the Parish Transformation Process we in Enniskerry are already embarked on. It will point to a new and exciting way forward for our church; a church that is welcoming, open and that truly listens to the words of Jesus; a church for all the people of God!

Any inputs from anyone would be very welcome!

COVID 19

At St. Mary's , St. Mochonog's, St Kevin's & St. Patrick's, in accordance with the latest Government guidance, we are now conducting our religious services without capacity limits, but with all other protective measures remaining in place. Although there is now no specific distance recommended for spacing of people within our churches, we ask that you respect the right of others to attend in safety, and that you do not crowd close to people from other households. Please make the best use of the available space so as to maximise distancing between yourself and anybody from outside of your household. Where possible, when you enter the church, please use a vacant pew that is not close to an already occupied one. Please continue to keep your distance when entering and leaving the church, and when moving around, such as when approaching to receive Holy Communion.

Protective measures, including hand sanitising and the wearing of face coverings, will continue for the foreseeable future. We will continue to distribute Holy Communion at the end of Mass, with each household group coming forward in turn. Immediately after receiving Holy Communion, you should leave quietly through the side exit.

Please do not attend at church if you are unusually experiencing any common symptom of Covid-19, such as fever, new cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulty or loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste.

For your own safety and for the safety of the community at large, we urge you to accept vaccination when advised.

Upcoming Holy Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies.

Confirmation Saturday, 6th November at 11am - St. Mochonog's

Fr Hyacinth will preside at Confirmation in St. Mochonog's .

First Holy Communion Saturday—6th Nov. 11.00am —St. Mary's & St. Gerard's N.S.—St. Mary's.

First Holy Communion Saturday, 13th Nov. 11.00am—Curtlestown N.S.—St. Patrick's

Confirmation Saturday, 20th Nov. 11.00—St. Mary's & St. Gerard's—St. Mary's

Pastoral Letter Booklet for the Season of Creation 2021

by Archbishop Dermot Farrell—The Cry of the Earth—the Cry of the Poor is available at the Exit porch in St. Mary's Church.

Contributions

We thank all parishioners who continue to contribute and help keep parish finance healthy. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The parish has now set up **QR Scan Codes** for various collections which are available in our Churches.

By using the **QR Scan Code** on this newsletter your donation will go directly to parish offerings which will assist in the upkeep of the four churches in the parish.

It is simple - for newer phones all you have to do is hold your phone camera over the code and the Payzone page will automatically open. Then simply “tap”, enter the amount you wish to donate and press “proceed”, add your card details and press “pay now”. For older smart phone just download a free QR scanner from the App Store.



You may also donate to the Parish in the following ways:-

1. Online by using “Donate” feature on the parish website
www.enniskerryparish.ie
2. Donate by scanning your credit card on Payzone Tap and Go in the porch in St. Mary’s
3. Standing Orders
4. Dropping Green and Pink envelopes into Parish Office during 10am-1pm Mon-Frid.
5. You may leave your envelopes for Parish and Common Fund into the ‘Donation Box’ at the Porch in St. Mary’s.

Envelopes for 1st and 2nd collections are available at the entrance of St Mary’s Church.

If you wish to activate a **Standing Order** for these collections please take a form as you exit. □

The normal Mass Collections have recommenced. You may bring your envelopes and hand them to collector during Mass.

You may also donate to the 1st and 2nd Collections by scanning your credit card on the **Payzone Tap and Go machine** on the Stand in the porch in St. Mary’s.

New Wicklow Age Friendly Survey – Are You Aged 55 or over?

Have Your Say....

People worldwide are living longer than ever, and while this is a great achievement, the challenge is to work towards improving quality of life for the increasing number of older people, ensuring they reap the benefits of this longevity.

Following on from the success of the current Age Friendly Strategy, Wicklow County Council in association with Wicklow's Age Friendly County Alliance and Wicklow's Older Persons Council are keen to ensure a strong focus for older people in the county in the future and are currently developing a new Age Friendly Strategy which will cover the period 2022 to 2027. Areas of interest include outdoor spaces, transport, housing, social participation and community support and health services

Stakeholder engagement and consultation is currently underway; therefore, the partners want to hear the views of people 55 and over living in the county. Insights and contributions gathered through this process will result in the identification of priority areas for action in the new strategy. To have your say please complete the survey by logging on to Wicklow County Council's Consultation Hub on the following link

<https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/ConsultationHub>

Please note that it is also possible to receive the survey by email and hard copies for filling in. To arrange please email: agefriendly@wicklowcoco.ie or phone Siobhán on 087 1215066



Dear All,

The Bishops conference approved a special collection for Trócaire to hold an emergency special appeal for the hunger crisis in East Africa.

This special collection will take place this coming weekend 6th and 7th November 2021 and will replace the second collection, the Share collection in all parishes within the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Your parish can lodge the proceeds from this special collection using the Share collection giro slip for that weekend to the Share Fund bank account.

The finance secretariat will then transfer the proceeds received for this special collection to Trócaire.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Kilmacanogue National School First Holy Communion Children

We want to send our best wishes to all the wonderful children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 23rd October in St. Mochonog's Church.

We know you had to wait a long time for this special sacrament –but it was worth it in the end.

You all looked so lovely and behaved so well during the masses. You are a credit to your parents, your school and your parish community. We are very proud of you. Well done.

We wish to thank the parents and guardians for preparing the children to receive this sacrament. Our thanks also go to Fr.Hyacinth, Ms Ann Marie Bourke and the school team for all the work involved in the two Holy Communion ceremonies. We greatly appreciate your time and dedication to the service of the Parish.

**Warmest and Best Wishes
Kilmacanogue Parish Team.**

